

Distinguished Corporate Lawyer John J. Hentrich Joins Sheppard Mullin

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP announced today that John J. Hentrich has joined the firm as partner in the Corporate Practice Group in Del Mar Heights. Hentrich has more than 25 years of legal experience representing public and private companies in complex business matters, both domestic and international. Hentrich also has extensive business experience having served in senior executive positions, including CEO, of several leading technology companies.

Hentrich focuses his practice on a wide range of complex and significant financings, including public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, venture capital, private equity, and other business transactions. He has extensive public company boardroom and board committee experience, having served as outside securities counsel and general counsel to many public companies.

Hentrich said, "I am very excited about the opportunity to join Sheppard Mullin's Corporate Practice Group and to help build the technology and emerging growth business and to continue to grow the established securities practice. Sheppard Mullin provides an excellent platform from which to deliver corporate counsel and transactional services to clients."

Domenic Drago, administrative partner of the Del Mar Heights office, commented, "We are delighted to welcome John to Sheppard Mullin. His high-tech expertise is a natural fit with the emerging growth and technology companies based in North San Diego County." Added Larry Braun, chair of the Corporate Practice Group, "The combination of John's legal and CEO experience is unique and a great asset to the entire firm."

Hentrich has represented companies on hundreds of major and sophisticated transactional and corporate matters, domestic and international, aggregating billions of dollars. This includes extensive experience in initial and secondary public offerings (debt and equity), venture capital financings, debt financings, restructurings, public and private mergers/acquisitions, joint ventures and partnerships, commercial transactions and licensing agreements, major litigation, and proxy contests/consent solicitations.

Hentrich received his law degree from the Yale Law School in 1978, his doctorate degree from Yale Graduate School in 1975, and his undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, from Fordham University in 1971.

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